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> Re: New U.S. Patent Application For: APPARATUS, METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR IMAGE PROCESSING By: Tsutomu YAMAZAKI Attorney Docket No. 15162/01860

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing are the following papers relating to an APPARATUS, METHOD, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR IMAGE PROCESSING, Tsutomu YAMAZAKI, inventor:

- (1) Specification;
- (2) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (3) Formal Drawings (7 sheets);
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- (5) Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form-1449, with copies of cited references;
- (6) Transmittal of PrintEFS Patent Application Bibliographic Data;
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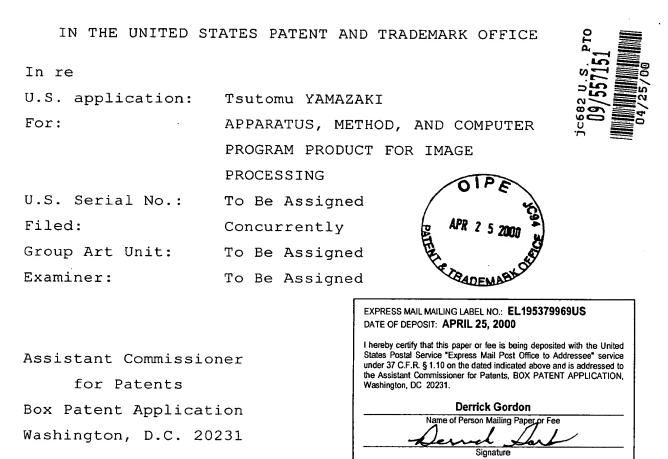
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Submitted herewith is a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-118578, filed April 26, 1999. Priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119/365 for this Japanese patent application is claimed for the aboveidentified United States patent application.

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